

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0050] beginning on page 14 and continuing on page 15 with the following:

The present invention has been described in the context of fully functional data processing system or computer systems; however, those skilled in the art will appreciate that the present invention is capable of being distributed as a program product in a variety of forms, and that the present invention applies equally regardless of the particular type of signal bearing media used to actually carry out the distribution. Exemplary data processing systems may include one or more hosts, network switches, appliance and/or storage arrays and may implement in-band and/or out-of-band storage or data volume virtualization. Examples of such signal bearing media include recordable media such as floppy disks and CD-ROM, ~~transmission type media such as digital and analog communications links~~, as well as media storage and distribution systems developed in the future. Additionally, it should be understood that embodiments of the present invention are not limited to a particular type of data processing or computer system. Rather, embodiments of the present invention may be implemented in a wide variety of data processing systems (e.g., host computer systems, network switches, network appliances, and/or disk arrays).